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The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, Colleton.*
The Rev. Christian Hanckell, *Rector of St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.*
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *Rector of Prince George, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Philip Mathews, *Rector of St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island.*
The Rev. William H. Mitchell, *Rector of St. James', Santee.*
The Rev. Mellish J. Motte, *Deacon, Missionary at St. Augustine.*
The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. *residing at Rockey Mount.*
The Rev. Thomas Osborne, *Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.*
The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Deacon, Domestic Missionary.*
The Rev Milward Pogson, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Edward Rutledge, *Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.*
The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, *Deacon, Stateburg.*
The Rev. Charles B. Snowden, *residing in St. Stephen's.*
The Rev. Robert S. Symmes, *Master of one of the Free Schools, in Charleston.*
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, *Rector of St. John's, Berkley.*
The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, *Deacon, officiating at North-Santee, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, *Rector of St. Luke's.*
The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.*
The Rev. William S. Wilson, *Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's, Stono.*

A LIST

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES,

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1824.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of South-Carolina, and Rector of St. Michael's, Charleston.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church.

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The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Deacon, Domestic Missionary.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Michael's—David Alexander, Col. William Drayton, William Read, M. D. Samuel Prioleau, Edward Brailsford, M. D. John Bay, William Hasell Gibbes, John Robertson.

St. Philip's—Thomas W. Bacot, Thomas Corbett, Joseph Johnson, M. D. Col. Henry H. Bacot, Thomas Lowndes.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—E. H. Purcell, Major Samuel Wragg.
Prince George, Winyaw—William W. Trapier, B. F. Trapier.
All-Saints, Waccamaw—William B. Pringle, John H. Tucker, Charles C. P. Alston, Robert Withers.
St. Helena, Beaufort—Thomas Fuller, M. D.
St. John's, Berkley—Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.
St. John's, Colleton—Robert J. Turnbull.
Edisto Island—John R. Matthewes.
St. Bartholomew's—William Mason Smith.
St. Luke's—William Heyward.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Robert Smith.
North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry.
Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—Charles C. Pinckney, jun. Col. Geo. W. Cross.
St. Andrew's—Edward Pringle.
St. Matthew's—Col. Edward Richardson.
Claremont—The Hon. Thomas Waties.
Trinity Church, Columbia—Edward Fisher, M. D. Robert Yates.
St. Paul's, Pendleton—Col. Thomas Pinckney, jun. George Hall, M. D.
St. Paul's, Stono—H. L. Alison, M. D. John S. Peake.
St. James, Goose-Creek—Barnard E. Bee.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats, did not attend the Convention:

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector of St. Paul's, Pendleton.
The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Deacon, officiating at North-Santee, Winyaw.

The following Gentlemen were admitted to the sittings of the Convention:

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Deacon.
Charles P. Elliott, Thomas J. Young, Edward Thomas } Candidates for Holy Orders.

The Church in this Diocess, consists of, the Bishop, 28 Presbyters, 5 Deacons, and 37 settled Congregations.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Wednesday, February 18th, 1824.

THIS being the day appointed by a special Resolution, for a stated meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of South-Carolina, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy, and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. William Barlow, Rector of Claremont, and an appropriate Discourse delivered by the Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis. The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop.

After these usual religious Services were over, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, took the Chair, *ex-officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, and the following Lay-Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which being read, were approved, and they took their seats accordingly:

St. Michael's—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander, Col. William Drayton, William Read, M. D. Samuel Prioleau, Edward Brailsford, M. D. John Bay.

St. Philip's—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister; Thomas W. Bacot, Thomas Corbett, Joseph Johnson, M. D. Col. Henry H. Bacot.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; E. H. Purcell.

Prince George, Winyaw—The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector; William Windham Trapier, B. F. Trapier.

St. Helena, Beaufort—The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

St. John's, Berkley—Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.

Edisto Island—The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector.

St. Bartholomew's—The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector; William Mason Smith.

St. Luke's—William Heyward.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks—the Rev. David I. Campbell, Rector.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—The Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector.

St. James', Santee—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector.

North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—Charles C. Pinckney, jun.

St. Andrew's—The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector.

St. Matthew's—Col. Edward Richardson.

Claremont—The Rev. William Barlow, Rector; the Hon. Judge Waties.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Edward Fisher, M. D. Robert Yates.

St. Paul's, Pendleton—Col. Thomas Pinckney, jun.

St. Paul's, Stono—The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon; H. L. Alison, M. D. John S. Peake.

A Quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Dr. Dalcho was unanimously re-elected.

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, for his very interesting discourse, delivered before them this day.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, *Resolved*, that the Clergy of the Church who may be in the city, and not entitled to seats, and the Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion of the Secretary, the President appointed the Rev. Mr. Delavaux to preach at the opening of the next Convention, and the Rev. Mr. Barlow, in case of his failure.

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, the Rules of Order, adopted at the last Convention, were read, and adopted as the Rules of the present Convention.

On motion of the Secretary, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint Delegates, to represent the Church in this Diocess, in the next General Convention. Whereupon, the President appointed,

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	Col. Lewis Morris,
The Rev. Allston Gibbes,	William Heyward,
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance,	Gouverneur M. Wilkins,
The Rev. Milward Pogson,	Col. William Drayton.

Conformably with the 45th Canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, delivered the following Address:

My Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity,

IT is made my duty to address you at every Convention, "on the affairs of the Diocess since the last annual meeting." I proceed to this duty, as usual, at this early hour, after the organization of the Convention, least at a later it might unseasonably interrupt its business.

The Churches, which I have been permitted to visit, officially, within the year, which commenced at the close of your last meeting in this place, are St. Luke's, Pon Pon Church in St. Bartholomew's Parish, St. David's at Cheraw, Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, Black Oak Chapel in St. John's Berkley, St. Paul's Church, Pendleton, Trinity Church Columbia, and St. James' Church Santee. At the last named Church, the Rev. W. H. Mitchell, officiating minister of the Parish, was on the occasion of my visiting it, admitted to Priest's Orders. The only other ordinations, which took place within the year, were that of Mr. B. H. Fleming, a

Deacon, in St. Paul's Church Radcliffeborough, in February; and that of Mr. F. H. Rutledge, also a Deacon, in the Parish Church of Prince George, Winyaw, in May. It has pleased God in his wise providence, to take Mr. Fleming from among us. He died at Waccamaw, in June last, after a few days' illness; leaving a character behind him, of early excellence in the ministry, most distinctly impressed on the minds of those who knew him. Of sound, enlightened, and fervent piety, Mr. F. had begun his ministry, with a zeal and devotedness, which, elevating his views above all personal, all temporal considerations, promised to make him a distinguished instrument of good to the Church of God. His attainments were much above an ordinary rank, and the talent with which he exercised them, was adorned with a singular suavity, purity and holiness of disposition, manners and deportment. Deeply impressed with the intent and obligations of his calling as a minister of Christ, he contemplated a useful, and even an arduous life in his service, with sanguine happiness. Death has frustrated the hope in which he delighted. Under an arrangement of the *Trustees of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity*, placing a limited sum at my disposal, for missionary purposes, he served for a short season, as a missionary of the society, in the vacant parish of St. Mark's, Williamsburg; but it was in the faithful performance of his duty, as a temporary substitute of one,* whom circumstances had obliged, for a season, to be absent from his parish, that he incurred the illness, which, in a few days numbered him with the dead. While we acknowledge, with humble adoration, the hand of God in this our so afflicting bereavement, let us cherish the memory of a character in the ministry of Christ, which was so worthy of our utmost esteem. None of us, I trust, will hold ourselves above the instruction of its example. But the young in the ministry, especially, may not unseasonably, be exhorted by me, to learn from it, and the mournfully mysterious dispensation, which, *has so soon put out its light in the darkness of death, that they must work the work of him who sends them, whilst it is day, because the night so soon, and so unexpectedly may come upon them, when no man can work.*

Candidates for orders, received, within the year, on the canonical recommendation of the Standing Committee, are Edward Thomas, of St. Stephen's, and T. J. Young, and Alex. W. Marshall, of this city.

Confirmation has, within the year, been administered in St. Luke's Church St. Luke's Parish, in St. Paul's, St. Philip's, and St. Michael's Churches in this city, in St. David's Church Cheraw, in St. Paul's Church Pendleton, and in Trinity Church Columbia. In conformity with the temporary arrangement, by which the Churches in Georgia, is made in the degree and manner, contemplated by the 20th canon, subject to my care, I have within the year also administered confirmation at Christ Church Savannah, of which the Rev. Mr. Carter is Rector, and in St. Paul's Church, under the charge of the Rev. H. Smith, at Augusta. The whole number of persons who at these several occasions of administration, have received confirmation, is two hundred and sixty-six.

* Rev. H. Gibbes, Rector of All-Saints, Waccamaw

The newly erected Church at Pendleton Court-House, was consecrated in November, by the name of St. Paul's Church Pendleton. It is a gratifying result of the pious enterprise of a small number of persons, aided and animated by the faithful ministry of the Rev. Mr. Dickinson, and the generous patronage of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, that thus, in the remotest district of the state, where, until within a few years, the name of our communion was scarcely known, and where at least no friendly sentiment existed respecting it, among the inhabitants, in general, its ministrations, are now happily seen in their most engaging and impressive character; having the regular attendance on them of a numerous congregation of serious worshippers, and operating their useful influence on the community. At Cheraw, in the opposite extreme of the north part of the state, where the Rev. Mr. Wright still serves as a missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, there is encouragement to hope, that a congregation of our Church, will be effectually settled. The Church at that place, is not yet constantly occupied for the purposes of our worship; Mr. W. being able to serve it, only on every other Sunday.

Since the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. Osborne, who had just before its meeting, returned into the state from Ohio, has been regularly received according to the Canons, as a Presbyter, of the diocess, and is settled in the charge of the Church, on Edisto Island. The Rev. Mr. Walker, since your last meeting, has been regularly recognized as Rector of St. Helena Church, Beaufort. The Rev. Mr. Delavaux, has removed from St. Matthew's Parish, which is still vacant, to the charge of St. Bartholomew's. The Rev. Mr. Wilson, a Deacon of the diocess, who had officiated at John's Island, has removed to St. Paul's Parish, Stono. The Church on John's Island, continues without a Minister. The Rev. Mr. Barlow, has removed into this diocess, from that of New-York; and has been regularly received and settled, according to the canons, as Rector of Claremont Church, Stateburg. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert, has been appointed Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, and serves it in the winter and spring months; his services as Rector of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, being required only in the summer. The Rev. Mr. Muller, who at our last meeting, was Rector of Christ Church Parish, having applied for and received the Certificate of dismission, required by the Canons, has removed out of the diocess, and been received and settled in that of Pennsylvania.

It is suitable, that I report to you, on this occasion, the interesting transaction, which has taken place since your last meeting, relative to the provision of a Church in this city, for the gratuitous use of such members of our Communion, *as may not be able to defray the expense* of seats, in other places of worship. The active and useful services of the Rev. Mr. Phillips, as Domestic Missionary, gave encouragement to the Society of pious female members of our Church, under whose appointment he for erved, for nearly two years, to undertake the erection of a building, the attentiommodation of those, who might peculiarly be subject to laudable, could not who should minister in that capacity. A purpose so hout patronage. A number of Gentlemen, at

the request of the Society, formed themselves into a Committee, having for its object the provision of the means of carrying it into effect; and a lot having been given, they were soon encouraged to lay the foundation of a Church, which though smaller than we could have desired, will constitute an interesting addition to the institutions of Christian benevolence in the city, and an accession to the means and opportunities possessed by our ministry, of promoting the moral interests of the Community, in which we cannot but greatly rejoice.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity, of whose condition and proceedings, identified as it is, by its constitution, with the diocess, it is always proper to bring some notice before you, although less prosperous than under other circumstances of the Community in general, it might be, is still secure, in the gradual increase of its means of doing good, by virtue of the wise institution of a fund, at the beginning of its operations, of the interest of which, only a portion can be annually expended; while the remainder is added to a continually accumulating principal. Within the year, the Society has received, from the executor of the Estate of the late excellent Mrs. Gregorie, a Legacy left to it, by her, amounting to 666 dollars; and from Plowden Weston, Esq. of this city, a donation of 200 dollars. The collections made in Churches, agreeably to a standing regulation of the Board of Trustees, having been accidentally omitted to be noticed in their annual report, it may be proper to state them here. In St. Phillip's Church a collection was made, which yielded 117 dollars. From St. Paul's Radcliffeborough 85 dollars were received by the Treasurer, as the amount of a collection made in that Church; and from St. Michael's 161 dollars 25 cents. Thirty dollars six cents were transmitted as the amount of a collection made for the same purpose, in Trinity Church Columbia. From the same Church also, was received in January, 1823, the amount of a collection made in it, for the Society, in 1822; being 33 dollars, 12 cents. The funds of which the Trustees have taken the charge for the Convention, and some of the Parishes in the Country, will be represented as to their existing state, in a regular report of the Treasurer of the Society to be given into the hands of the parties respectively whom they concern. The Board of Trustees will be found to have faithfully executed the duty, which, in relation to these funds, they had at the request of their Brethren, added to such as more immediately appertained to their appointment. They have, as usual, also, in the course of the year, anxiously endeavoured to effect all the good which the means they found in their hands would permit; and while they have seen with painful regret, their inability to make their operations commensurate with the prospect open to them, they have felt the happy consciousness of having been instrumental of good to the Church and to the Community. It is in perfect accordance with my duty in this place, on this occasion, to recommend this Society to the continued confidence and increased patronage of the members of our Church.

I cannot close this statement of the business of the diocess, without availing myself of the opportunity it affords to speak as I feel of a distinguishing example of liberality, given by one of our Congregations. The Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, found them-

selves encumbered with a debt, which on the completion of the Church, had been left as a balance of its costs, amounting with interest accrued to 30,000 dollars. Their creditors had become urgent, and the property of the Corporation was at their mercy. The proprietors of Pews, by an unanimous decision of a meeting of them, assumed the debt, and according to a judicious scheme submitted by the Vestry, by five instalments, payable at half-yearly intervals, the last of which is payable in 1824, the whole becomes discharged. I know not of any other instance of conduct under similar circumstances, strictly admitting of a comparison with this. In richer communities than ours, a substitute for this generous course has been found, in soliciting at a distance, and in the remotest states, the means of paying a Church's debts.* A firm refusal of our countenance to such applications from abroad, would, perhaps, on almost all occasions, be entirely consistent with any reasonable estimate of our Christian duty.

In particular relation to the business of the diocess for the last year, I have nothing further, with which to detain your attention. Let me be permitted to occupy you for a few moments, with things which more generally interest us.

A regular triennial General Convention of our Church, took place in May last, at Philadelphia. There is nothing on its Journal by which, as a diocess, we are particularly affected; except the alteration made in the first article of the constitution of the Church, by which the next stated general Convention, will be held in November instead of May; and a proposed scheme by which each diocess or state, may be brought to contribute in a certain proportional way, to the expenses of the general Convention. By the first we gain new ground of hope, that Lay-Delegates may appear in the Convention, in behalf of our Churches. Clerical Members alone, have for the most part, hitherto attended it, at considerable inconvenience and expense *to themselves*. It is important, in a very high degree, that our Churches should be more fully represented in that body; and especially, that our Laity should bear their full part of the responsibility of its transactions. The other of these particulars, will come before you for consideration. Of our General Seminary, there is nothing to be stated to you, in addition to the information concerning it, of which you are already in possession. It continues to do great good to the Church; and our own diocess is experiencing its benefits, in the preparation of its candidates for orders, to enter on their sacred calling with honourable suitable qualifications. Of the state of its funds, I have no satisfactory information to communicate. For want of Funds it may decline and perish! But who that entertains any sensibility to the honour and interest of the Church, must not solemnly deprecate such a result!

Of the state of our Church in this diocess, I may be permitted to express the opinion, that if it has not in any remarkable degree advanced from that at which we last collectively contemplated it, it does not appear in any particular manner to have declined from it. If some of

* This has never been done, it is believed, by members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

our Churches have become destitute since that period, of the offices of the ministry, others have been happily provided with them. Our Clergy are labouring to do all that in them lies, "*to make glad the City of our God.*" I state this with satisfaction and with confidence. Would to God, that I could report of their condition, and the provision for the support of themselves and families, in all instances, what we cannot but desire they should be! Whether it be of unavoidable necessity or not, it is not for me to know, that any of them should want the means of subsistence, free from pecuniary embarrassment and distracting care. But it is painful in a degree, which you will not perhaps find it difficult to conceive, to be obliged to entertain the apprehension, that with no unfaithfulness to duty on their part, there sometimes may exist a delinquency and tardiness, as to the obligations which have been voluntarily assumed relative to their support, by means of which they seriously suffer. I shall not, I trust, be thought to transgress any limit, within which propriety or delicacy should confine me, when I affectionately and respectfully ask, may not this be prevented? The disposition to give, I sincerely believe, is not wanting; and examples of great individual and personal kindness to ministers, are by no means wanting; but a *disposition to act* does not perhaps always exist, in the degree necessary to prevent a delay and irregularity, as to the giving to the disposal of ministers in Parishes, which as corporations are destitute of funds, that which is pledged to them, by means of which, the utmost distress, may unintentionally be occasioned to men, whose sole dependence for support, is on the compensation which is stipulated for their services, in this most dependent, yet most anxious and most useful calling. Let me not, I beseech you, be mistaken. I would ask nothing for our ministry, but the privilege of prosecuting its duties, which so manifestly involve the best interests of men, socially and individually, with an effect, which poverty and neglect cannot but deny them. Are we Christians, and can we be insensible to the claim of the Ministers of Christ to be supported, and to be enabled cheerfully and usefully to prosecute their work? Are we friends of our Country and of Society, and can we think without shuddering, of the consequences of excluding, by systematic discouragement and dishonour, the religion of the Saviour and its enlightened teaching, from among us? This is a result, I know, which we do not think of. It is a result, I thank God, which we are not to apprehend. But if we would deprecate as the worst of conceivable evils, the extermination of our Christian institutions, why should we not be sensible of the evil, in its actual degree sufficient for our serious consideration, of their being left to struggle with indifference and neglect, for their existence?

On my Brethren of the Clergy, I will beg to be permitted to urge, together with a patient suffering of the manifold inconvenience under which, in some instances, they exercise their calling, the most active and diligent prosecution of the sacred and eternal interests, with which they are charged. In some places, it is but for a portion of the year, that the climate admits of their presence with their congregations. I would be indulged in importuning them, that this season of their active service, should not, by a single day more than it unavoidably must be, be short-

ened: and that in that season, the portion of their flocks who, from circumstances peculiar to their condition in life, must during their separation from them, be without *any means of pastoral instruction and counsel*, be made, most especially, the subjects of their attention and care. Let us thus, my Brethren, and in every other way, to which the promises made at our ordination, oblige us, to do all we can, to make our ministry efficacious, in promoting the divine glory, and the good and happiness of men. Let it be seen and felt that as ministers of the Church of Christ, we are not unprofitable to our fellow men; that if we encumber them, it is to some good purpose; and that there is in the good we do, at least an equivalent, if not more than an equivalent, for what we receive at their hands. They will not be slow to acknowledge this, if we are faithful to "*make full proof of our ministry.*"

The day of the gospel dispensation, let me (my beloved Reverend Brethren,) only further remark, the day of the gospel dispensation on which our lot in the service of our heavenly master has fallen, is a day of extraordinary enterprise, for the advancement of his glory, and the extension of his kingdom. In this enterprise, there is, I sincerely believe, much of honest and holy zeal embarked, under various denominations of profession. It is most devoutly to be wished, that as there is one faith, one Lord, one baptism, for all true disciples of the Son of God, so there could be among all, one purpose of heart, in the prosecution of the interests of his kingdom, and that all their distinctions of sect and name renounced and obliterated, they *all might be one, even as he and the father are one.* This is, however, far from being as much an object of reasonable solicitude as the existence, under all the varieties of denomination, of the spirit of the religion of Christ. If the amalgamation of disagreeing portions of the great Christian family, seems too impracticable to admit of its being wisely or discreetly in every way affected, at least it becomes, for *it is practicable* for each, so to qualify its zeal with love, *that the name of Christ be not blasphemed.* It comes, unavoidably, of the infirmity of our nature, that in some degree, personal and party sensibilities should mingle themselves, with our best and most sincere solicitudes of religious zeal. We cannot too anxiously guard ourselves against an influence of these, which bringing the unamiable passions of our nature into action, shall impair the dignity of our calling, and while it mars its claims upon human respect and confidence, make void our hopes of acceptance with him who *seeth and shall judge us.* The spirit of religious party, is always likely, from the peculiar character of the institutions of our civil polity, with respect to religion, to prevail and abound in our country; and the strife for ascendant influence, and the exertion of a worthy zeal, to use to the utmost the happy opportunity of religious liberty, for the advancement of religious truth, will so commingle themselves, as to put us in danger of mistaking the one for the other. Let *us* be only aware of this: and while we are faithful to the peculiar institutions, under which, according to the *deliberate persuasion of our own minds*, we have undertaken to serve Christ, and be instrumental of the happiness and salvation of those who call upon his name, let us guard ourselves against the temptation, of which the circumstances in which we are placed, involve so much, to think or act, with respect to

other religious communities, *otherwise than as we would that they should think and act with respect to us.* The real usefulness and honour of no one of the various religious communities, which exist on the footing of equal toleration in our country, can consist in a course of conduct that is harsh, injurious, or unjust, or disingenuous to others. Having hitherto, as I am sincerely persuaded we have, faithfully endeavoured to follow the guidance of this sentiment, as a rule of conduct, let us continue to endeavour always to walk according to it. Careful of the interests of Christian truth as we hold it, jealous to keep our peculiar institutions in a sound integrity, and prompt to protect and defend them against all encroachment, let us be careful no less, *to know what spirit we are of;* and if *Christ must be wounded in the house of his friends,* let us not be partakers in the guilt. They who in their social or individual religious character and conduct, exhibit the least acerbity, are the most worthy of the Christian name; while they must carry with them the most respect of the enlightened and the wise, the really pious and good.

My Brethren of the Laity and Clergy, both, will perhaps receive it as a seasonable word of exhortation, that in concluding, I refer them to the changes which in the course of the year death has made among them, as a call on them to feel and act in this place, as if, on a similar occasion, they should be present here no more. We mourn especially the absence of two,* to whose presence with us, we were long accustomed; and whose memory claims to be had in honour, as friends of the Church, and eminently anxious promoters of its interests. *They rest from their labours;* and their works, which made them so loved, so valued and honoured upon earth, should not be forgotten. To them we hope it has been realized, that death, *through our Lord Jesus Christ, has lost his sting, and the grave been deprived of its victory.* Of what they here did or endeavoured to do, in the service and for the glory of God, the record had preceded them; and we trust the record of an approving conscience, which they carried with them to the grave, will by it, be confirmed to their everlasting joy. *What our hand findeth to do for the Lord who redeemed us, let us do with all our might; knowing that there is no work, wisdom or device in the grave, whither we too, are going.*

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

On motion of Mr. Corbett, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Bishop for his Address, and the Clergy of the several Churches were requested to read it to their congregations for general information.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read an abstract of their proceedings for the past year.

* Benjamin Huger and John Dawson, Esquires.

A motion being made to appoint the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, the President made the following appointment accordingly:

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Joseph Johnson, M. D.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	Robert J. Turnbull,
The Rev. Allston Gibbes,	Thomas Lowndes,
The Rev. Christian Hanckell,	Samuel Wragg.

On motion of the Secretary, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to inquire and report, what unfinished business may be laying over from the last Convention.

The President being requested to appoint the Committee, he appointed accordingly; Mr. Simons, Rev. A. Gibbes, the Secretary, Mr. Heyward, and Col. Edward Richardson.

Mr. Simons from this Committee, soon after reported, that the only unfinished business laying over from the last Convention, is on the 29th page of the Journal, and is as follows:

"The following was offered by Mr. Bee, for consideration at the next Convention:

"That there shall be two Houses, Clergy and Laity. Clergymen shall have a right to vote individually. But Churches shall send Delegates according to the number of the Congregation, each of whom shall have a right to vote."

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, the report was referred to a Committee of five, to report to-morrow. Whereupon the President appointed the following Committee: Mr. Simons, Col. Pinckney, Col. Edward Richardson, Mr. Heyward, and the Rev. A. Gibbes.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half past 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 19th, 1824.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector of All-Saints; the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's; and the Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island, appeared and took their seats.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose Certificates of appointment were read yesterday and approved, appeared and took their seats, viz. Robert J. Turnbull, from St. John's, Colleton; George Hall, M. D. from St. Paul's Church, Pendleton, and Major Samuel Wragg, from St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The following Lay-Delegates attended, and presented certificates of their appointment, which were severally read and approved; viz. William Bull Pringle, John H. Tucker, and Charles C. P. Alston, from All-Saints, Waccamaw; John R. Matthewes, from Edisto Island; Thomas Fuller, M. D. from St. Helena, Beaufort; and Barnard E. Bee, from St. James', Goose-Creek.

The Rules of Order were read.

The annual Report of *the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina* was read; and is as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the "*Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, respectfully submit to the Convention, statements of the *Bishop's Permanent* and *Common Funds*, for the past year.

It will appear, that the Permanent Fund received in April last, a donation of $100 from Plowden Weston, Esq.; that all the other sums, with which this fund is credited, are for interest and dividends received on the Stock belonging to it; and that after transfering three-fourths of the amount of these, to the credit of the Common Fund, in conformity with the resolution of the Convention, passed the 20th February, 1818, there remains a balance in the Treasurer's hands, of $193 25. The Stock of the Permanent Fund is the same as at the date of the last report.

It will also appear, that the appropriation of $250 made by St. Philip's Church, for the Bishop's Common Fund, for the year ending in February, 1823, was received in May last, and paid over to the Treasurer of St. Michael's Church: that the Churches which have contributed to this fund, during the past year are, St. Philip's, St. Michael's, St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, St. John's, Berkley, St. Helena, on St. Helena Island, St. Helena, Beaufort, Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, St. Paul's, Stono, and St. Luke's; and that the balance at the credit of the fund, including the three-fourths of the interest and dividends on the Stock of the Permanent Fund, is $971 44.* Charleston, Feb. 18th, 1824.

(Signed) In behalf of the Board,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President of the Society.

The Book containing the Account of the Trustees, for the foregoing Funds, is laid upon the Secretary's Table for the inspection of the Convention.

On motion of Col. Drayton, *Resolved*, that the Report be referred to a Committee of three. Whereupon, the President appointed Col. Drayton, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Turnbull, accordingly.

A letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Society, enclosing some Resolutions, relative to the Bishop's Permanent and Common Fund; which were referred to the Committee appointed on the Report of the Society.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, communicating the following Resolution of that Body:

* Since this Report was made, it is understood, that a collection of $20 has been made at North Santee, Winyaw, which will make the total Collections for 1823, $991 44.

"*Resolved*, In order that the contingent expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, that, it be recommended to the several Diocesan or State Conventions, to forward to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies, at each meeting of said Convention, 75 cents for each Clergyman within said Diocess or State."

Whereupon, on motion of the Secretary, it was *Resolved*, that the proposition of the General Convention be agreed to.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that a Committee of five be appointed to inquire, what measures it may be proper for this Convention to adopt, in relation to the General Theological Seminary.

Whereupon, the President appointed, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Mr. William M. Smith, Mr. William B. Pringle, Mr. W. W. Trapier, and Dr. Fuller.

Mr Simons from the Committee on an Amendment of the Constitution, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred an Amendment of the Constitution, proposed at the last Convention, by Mr. Barnard E. Bee, having taken the same into their consideration, beg leave to Report:

That they find it liable to several objections, which put it out of their power to recommend it to the adoption of the Convention in its present form. In the absence of the gentleman with whom the proposition orinated, and unaided by the light of his views on the subject, they find it impossible to determine, with any degree of precision, the extent of the change contemplated by him, and are consequently left in doubt, how far the same might be entitled to the favourable judgment of the Convention. If it intends so to alter the present Constitution of the Convention, as to cause the Clergy and Lay-Delegates to deliberate, as well as vote, in two separate bodies, they cannot view the proposed change with approbation. They conceive that the interests of the Church are more likely to be promoted by the joint deliberations of the Laity and Clergy in one body, comparing their respective views in a common discussion of the subjects before them, and mutually enlightening and assisting each other. The General Convention, it is true, is composed of two distinct Houses, but the most numerous body still exhibits the feature, no less pleasing than useful, of the Laity and Clergy harmoniously uniting in a joint deliberation, though they express their final opinions by separate votes. The Committee are happy in believing, that the main principle of this part of the proposition referred to their consideration, may be retained, and its design substantially answered, by an imitation of the judicious arrangement adopted in the House of Clerical and Lay-Delegates, to which they have just alluded; and which likewise prevails, as they are informed, without a single exception, in all the State Conventions of our Church. They may even be permitted to doubt, whether such an arrangement be not in fact designed in the original proposal of Mr. Bee, as it is clearly embraced within the scope of its terms, and entirely consistent with its spirit; and the concise form in which it appears on the Journal, does not furnish the means of ascertaining its precise bearing or exact limitations. The change contemplated by it evidently is, in its principal feature, that of giving to the two Orders composing the Convention, a

reciprocal check on each other's proceedings, by their voting separately as two houses; but whether it likewise intends that they should sit and debate in separate bodies, or as heretofore in a joint body, does not clearly appear to the Committee. If the paragraph, to which they at present refer, be viewed as admitting the latter construction, that is to say, that the Clergy and Laity should be required to vote as two houses, without reference to the manner of their deliberations, the Committee will have done nothing more, in the proposition they are about to submit, than more fully to express its purport in other terms. And if it should be considered in the former light, as requiring the separate deliberation, as well as the separate voting of the two Orders, the proposition now to be submitted, can be regarded only as a modification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution, freed from what they deem its objectionable feature. Taken in this view, the Committee have to remark, that they find similar modifications of proposed alterations in the Constitution, to be conformable to the practice of the Convention on former occasions. (*See Journal*, 1821, *page* 27, *and* 1822, *page* 28.)

The Committee do not deem it necessary to enter into any detailed exposition of the reasons, by which they have been influenced, in presenting the subject to the Convention in its present form, or to accumulate arguments in favour of the measure which is now submitted with their unanimous concurrence. The frequent discussion which the subject has heretofore undergone, they think may justly absolve them from the necessity of such a course. They take leave, however, to express their belief, that the real nature and operation of the change, which is recommended in the Constitution, only requires to be properly understood to relieve it from all the objections, to which it has, on slight consideration, been deemed liable; and their persuasion that its adoption, while it restores that desirable uniformity in the Constitution and government of the Church throughout the United States, to which our own Diocess, is, they believe, the only exception, will likewise materially contribute to the great and good end which it is the purpose of this Convention to promote, the stability, prosperity, and permanence of its apostolical institutions. They, therefore, respectfully recommend, that the article proposed by Mr. Bee, be amended as follows, viz:

To strike out the 9th Article, and insert the following:

"In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the Members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church, having one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision."

It was moved by the Hon. Judge Waties, that the Report be accepted; and that the Amendment of the Constitution, recommended by the

Committee be agreed to. After some discussion, the vote was taken by Churches, and decided in the affirmative, as follows :

AYES.	NO.
St. Michael's,	Trinity Church, Columbia.
St. Philip's,	
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	
Prince George, Winyaw,	
St. Helena, Beaufort,	
St. John's, Berkley,	
St. John's, Colleton,	
St. Paul's, Stono,	
St. Bartholomew's,	
St. Luke's,	
Edisto Island,	
St. Helena Island,	
Claremont,	
St. Matthew's,	
St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks,	
St. Thomas and St. Dennis,	
St. James', Santee,	
North-Santee, Winyaw,	
All-Saints, Waccamaw,	
St. James', Goose-Creek,	
Grace Church,	
St. Andrew's,	
St. Paul's, Pendleton—23.	

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow at half past ten o'clock.

Friday, February 20th, 1824.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon, appeared and took his seat.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose certificates of appointment were read on Wednesday last, and approved, appeared and took their seats; viz. Thomas Lowndes, from St. Philip's; William Hasell Gibbes and John Robertson, from St. Michael's.

The following Lay-Delegates attended, and presented certificates of their appointment, which were severally read and approved; viz. Robert Withers, from All-Saints, and Edward Pringle, from St. Andrew's.

On motion of the Rev. William H. Mitchell, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a Church, upon shares, in this city; the rent, or assessment of each pew, to be devoted to the immediate support of the Episcopate.

Whereupon, the President appointed, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Horry, Dr. Read, Mr. Prioleau, Col. Pinckney, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Bay.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the Committee on the Theological Seminary, made the following Report :

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary, have the satisfaction to report, that this valuable institution continues to flourish under the charge of the same gentlemen, to whom it was committed when opened in the city of New-York in the year 1822. In July last, the first annual examination took place, when five young men having completed the course of Theology, were presented with certificates. They delivered at that time suitable Theses. The venerable Bishop White, added to the interest of the occasion by an admirable address which has been published.

The present session of the Seminary was opened in November, and the Rev. Dr. Wilson, Professor of Systematic Divinity, delivered an appropriate discourse, which has also been published, and which the members of the Convention will be gratified in perusing, as an evidence of the sound Theology, the profound reflection, and the extensive acquirements of the gentleman, to whom is entrusted one of the most important departments in the institution.

We lament, that only twenty-two, that is about one-third of our candidates, the whole number being sixty-one, according to a return made to the last General Convention, have as yet availed themselves of the advantages of the Seminary, but the judicious measures recently adopted by the Trustees, and the increasing reputation of the institution, as well as a proper respect for the authority of the Church, and the great inconveniences of which candidates who pursue their studies at home, must become more and more sensible, authorize the hope, that the Seminary will in due season, command its full proportion of those who are destined for the sacred office.

We have the satisfaction to state, that the recommendations of our last Convention to the Board of Trustees, and to the General Convention, met with their respectful attention, and that resolutions have been adopted for carrying all of them into effect.

Instruction at the Seminary is afforded gratuitously, and the expenses, for board, &c. have been reduced to a very moderate amount. The annual examination, and the time for the meeting of the Board of Trustees, have been made, every third year, to correspond with the meeting of the General Convention, so that our Delegates may have an opportunity of participating in the concerns of an institution, which justly claims the solicitude of the whole Church. Agents have been appointed to make collections in all the dioceses, so as to effect the very desirable object of securing a capital, the interest of which shall be adequate to all the expenses of the establishment, and which, also, should it be sufficiently increased, may supply the means of maintenance to those young men of genius and piety, who, from their indigent circumstances, could not otherwise enjoy the benefits of the institution.

It remains for the members of our Church to welcome these agents, and to do their part, that they may not return disappointed. We can-

not but cherish the hope, that the interest always manifested by this diocess, on the present very important subject, continues unabated, and that our friends will meet fully the expectations of the Trustees, when their Collector shall make them his benevolent visit. We would, also, respectfully express the wish, that the wealthy among us, in their pious bequests, as they have in other dioceses, would be mindful of the strong claims of this institution.

We understand that the Collector for the middle States, has been, and is now actively employed, and his prospects are encouraging, and, also, that Biship Hobart, now in England, has by a publication, advantageously exhibited the claims of the Seminary to the patronage of all the friends of our Communion.

We have to state, that the Sermon designed to exhibit the claims of this valuable institution, has been preached in the following Parishes:

St. Michael's, St. Paul's, St. Philip's } Charleston,
Edisto Island,
Sullivan's Island,
Georgetown,
St. Marks, Clarendon,
Pendleton—8.

But that the following Churches have not yet complied with the request of the Convention, viz:

St. Helena, on the Island,
Beaufort,
St. Paul's, Stono,
St. Thomas',
North-Santee,
All-Saints,
St. Andrew's,
St. David's,
St. Bartholomew's,
St. Luke's,
Columbia,
Claremont,
St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks,
St. John's, Berkley,
St. John's, Colleton—17.

In conclusion, we would respectfully recommend:

I. That collections should be made and Sermons preached as soon as convenient, in those Parishes in which they have not yet been, with a view of diffusing information as to the designs of the Church, in relation to this object, and the present situation of the Seminary, and that the Standing Committee be requested to address the Ministers and Vestries on this subject.

II. That all the members of this body, do hereby engage to afford the Agent, should the Trustees deem it expedient to send one, such facilities in his useful undertaking as may be in their power; but we would respectfully express an apprehension, that from the present low price of produce, and other circumstances, the Collections during the present year would not be as great as might be otherwise expected.

III. That the Candidates in this diocess be strongly recommended to pursue their studies at the Seminary, and the Committee would here ask leave to express the wish, that those Candidates, whose pecuniary circumstances will not admit of their doing so, might be assisted by a loan, or otherwise by the pious liberality of their respective congregations.

It was then moved by Col. Drayton, and agreed to, that the Report of the Committee be confirmed.

Col. Drayton from the Committee on the Report, &c. of the Protestant Episcopal Society, made the following Report:

The Committee to whom have been referred the accounts and the Report of the Protestant Episcopal Society, &c. recommend that the thanks of the Convention be presented to that Society, for their faithful administration of the Bishop's Fund committed to them by the Convention.

The Committee further Report, that it appears to them, that the Report of the Protestant Episcopal Society, is founded upon an erroneous construction of the powers vested in them by their charter, which conveys to them no authority to act as Trustees, either for individuals or public Bodies; but as upon a conference with the Society, such reasons might be offered by them, in favour of their Report, as would satisfy the Convention of its correctness, your Committee recommend, that a Committee be appointed by the Convention, to confer with any Committee which may be nominated by the Society, for the purpose of discussing the Report together, and thereby enabling the Society and the Convention to form concurrent opinions respecting it, or in the event of their not agreeing, that the Convention may then adopt such measures as they shall consider to be expedient.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Osborne, and agreed to, that the Report be confirmed, and that a Committee be appointed for the purposes stated in said Report. Whereupon the President appointed, Col. Drayton, Mr. Prioleau, and Mr. Edward Pringle.

Mr. Alexander, Chairman of the Vestry, and one of the Delegates from St. Michael's Church, after some introductory remarks, submitted the following Resolution:

Whereas it has been represented to the Convention, by the Vestry of St. Michael's Church, that during the last five years, they have advanced over and above the annual collections made at said Church, for the support of the Bishop of the diocess, the sum of $1190, including interest thereon to the first of March next; and, whereas, it has been represented by the said Vestry, as the representatives of said Church in the Convention, that in the distressed state of the finances of said Church, they cannot in justice to their congregation, continue to make any further advances, until some satisfactory indemnification is obtained for the debt due from the several Churches, bound to contribute to the support of a Bishop; and as it is no less unjust than unreasonable, and contrary to the original and repeatedly confirmed understanding of the parties, that such an unequal burthen should (every means adopted, hitherto by the Convention, for the creation of an adequate fund having failed of success,) be borne by the Church of St. Michael; it is, therefore, *Resolved*, that the appropriations hitherto made to the *Common Fund*, be henceforth appropriated to the discharge of the above mentioned debt to the Vestry of St. Michael's Church, as well as any other means in the power, and under the control of the Convention, in order that said debt may forthwith be paid as soon as possible.

After considerable discussion, and various propositions, it was finally referred to the following Committee; viz. Mr. Alexander, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Wragg.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, were presented by the Clergy and read, viz.

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister.

Marriages, 10; of which 4 were of coloured persons.
Baptisms, 37; of whom 7 were of coloured persons.
Burials, 18.

Communicants. In compliance with the resolution of the last Convention, it has been endeavoured to ascertain, with precision, the number of these. As nearly as it can be ascertained, it is now, of white persons, 340. Three within the year have been removed by death, and a few of those who were communicants at this Church some years since, not being proprietors of seats, or being able to procure them, have become members of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough. A few have also removed for the present out of the State. The number of persons of colour communing at this Church, is now about 110. Total number of communicants 450. Of the Communicants at this Church, about 15 or 16 are also communicants at some seasons of the year, at other places.

The number of families of white persons, composing this congregation, appears, as nearly as it has been ascertained, to be 228, comprising about 900 souls; of which number of families, 26 appear at some seasons to belong to Churches in the country. The whole number of white and coloured persons, is about 1050.

The Sunday School at this Church continues to prosper and increase. It contains 89 Children, under the care of a Superintendent, 6 male, and 10 female teachers. The endeavours to preserve a Sunday School of coloured children, has not been successful. The Ministers of this Church, know not how to account for this, otherwise, than by explaining it into irreconcilable variances existing among these people themselves. The Ministers of this Church, have indulged a due anxiety to promote their moral improvement and spiritual happiness. It is worthy of note, that the foundation of the character of the coloured people as members of the Church, at St. Philip's Church, was laid in the instruction of the Catechetical School* instituted in connection with that Church, and subject to the attention of its Ministers, by "the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts." They had no such advantages at the institution of St. Michael's Parish; and at the revolution, no foundation having been laid, of measures for their special instruction, the difficulty since, of doing it, has been increased, by various causes; among which the better accommodation afforded them by some other denominations, in their places of worship, cannot be considered the least.

* See History Church of So. Ca. pp. 148, 156—159, 174, 178, 192.

Conformably with the Canon of 1822, a Sermon was preached "on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office," and a collection made in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister.

In conformity to the 45th Canon, we present to the Bishop, the following statement of Baptisms, &c. for the last year.

Baptisms; Adults 5; Infants, 75. Total 80.
Marriages 14. Burials 75.
Communicants, about 39 Males, 263 Females, White Persons; and about 220 Persons of Colour. Total 522.

We lament that the disproportion between the male and female communicants is so great.

There are two Sunday Schools held at different hours. In that for the whites, there are about 150 Children, of whom 100 attend punctually. There are 6 male and 13 female Teachers. In that for the Coloured, there are about 25 Adults, and 150 Children, of whom about 100 attend punctually. There are 7 male and 9 female Teachers. In both Schools

There are	- - -	324 Pupils,
And	- - - -	35 Teachers.

The instruction is exclusively religious.

It is an obvious remark, that the interesting of so large a number of our members in the charitable, and to themselves, instructive office of imparting to others the knowledge unto Salvation, is among the advantages of the valuable institution of Sunday Schools.

Conformably to the resolution of the Convention, passed last year, we report that, agreeably to the Canon of 1822, a Sermon has been preached, and a collection made in our Church, in aid of the Common Fund, for the support of the Episcopate.

The Sermon on the same subject, which was inadvertently postponed the preceding year, was also preached, soon after the rising of the last Convention.

In conformity to another Resolution of the last Convention, we report the number of families as about 262, of whom 38 belong to other congregations, and of these, 6 belong to four congregations, as follows:

To St. Paul's, Charleston,	18		Of the 18 at St. Paul's,
St. John's, Berkley,	4		2 belong also to St. Luke's,
St. Michael's,	1		1 to St. Andrew's,
St. Andrew's,	1		1 to St. Bartholomew's,
St. Paul's, Stono,	1		2 to North Santee,
St. James', Santee,	3		—
Christ Church,	1		6
North Santee,	1		
James Island,	5		
St. Thomas,	2		
St. Bartholomew's,	1	38.	

Besides these, there are twelve families of Persons of Colour, who have pews in the Gallery. The number who sit in the Aisles, we have not been able to ascertain.

By a judicious connection of the Galleries, there have been added to our Church, 16 Pews, so that the whole number is now 164. The new Pews are not yet sold, or otherwise disposed of, but we may reasonably expect, as several of them are large, that they will produce an accession to this congregation of twenty families, and also, afford additional accommodation to the Sunday Scholars.

Peculiar circumstances have prevented that inquiry, which would have enabled us to ascertain the number of individuals in each family, so as to state, agreeably to the desire of the Convention, the whole number of the flock. We believe, however, that we may justly estimate them at about

1000 White Persons,
400 Persons of Colour,

Total 1400

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector.

Marriages 13. Burials 18.
Baptisms, White Infants, 36, } Total 40.
do. coloured do. 3, }
do. do. Adult 1, }
Communicants, White Persons, 261, } Total 275.
do. Coloured, 14, }

The Sunday School connected with this Church, continues to increase. The present number of Children enjoying its benefits, is about 75.

In conformity with the Canon of 1822, a Sermon has been preached, and a collection made, in behalf of the Bishop's Common Fund. The number of white families belonging to St. Paul's Church, is 237; of whom about 33 belong to other Parishes; and of coloured families, 13, containing in all about 1000 individuals.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector.

Baptisms, 14. Marriages, 5. Burials, 13.
Communicants, 70.

Families, upwards of 40.

Conformably to the Canon, a Sermon has been preached on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office. A collection was announced, which, we regret to state, was prevented by extreme inclemency of the weather, but it will be made, on the first Sunday, after the Rector's return from Convention.

St. Helena, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Communicants, White,	45 ; Coloured,	2,
Baptisms,	12	2 White Adults,
Funerals,	5	
Marriages,	8	

About 55 families worship in St. Helena Church. In compliance with the Canon of 1822, a Sermon on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office, was preached on Septuagesima Sunday, 1824, and a collection made in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

Christ Church Parish.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, Visiter.

Baptism, 1.
Communicants, Whites, 4; and about 20 Persons of Colour.

St. Paul's, Stono.

The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon.

Marriage, 1. Baptisms, 3. Communicants, 9. Families, 21. Souls, 80.

A Sermon has been preached, and a collection made, for the Bishop's Common Fund, for 1823.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms, 12 White, and 2 Coloured Adults. Total 14.
Burials, 9. Communicants, 26 Whites and 2 Coloured.
Marriages, 2. Families, about 60. Individuals, 251.

Sermon preached last year, but no collection. The Church is in distress !

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector.

Baptisms, 5 Adults, 9 Infants. Burials, 3. Marriages, 2.
Communicants, 25.

In this Parish, there are three places at which the Rector steadily officiates: viz. at St. Luke's Church, on the first, and third Sundays of the month, and on all the Festivals and Fasts ; at Grahamville (a Pineland Settlement) on the second Sunday ; and at Coosawhatchie on the fourth.

The building appropriated to divine service at Grahamville, was provided by the united contributions of its summer residents. A majority, however, are attached to our doctrines, and mode of worship; and ex-

erlions are now making, either to secure the undivided possession of this edifice, or, to erect another on a basis purely Episcopal.

At Coosawhatchie, service is at present performed in the Court-House. But a disposition is discovered among those who generally constitute the congregation, to furnish more suitable accommodations; and in a short time, a call will be made on their efforts to this effect, which, it is believed will not be in vain.

A new Church near old St. Lukes (which is now almost in a ruinous condition) has been commenced, and in all probability will be completed by the close of the ensuing spring.

Since the last Convention, nine new Communicants have been added; all of them, we trust, born from above, and renewed by the Holy Ghost. Others have been awakened to a sense of their guilt, danger, and duty, who, have not yet openly acknowledged themselves the followers of the Saviour; but of whom the most encouraging expectations are entertained.

Blessed be God! The moral darkness which has for a long series of years enveloped as with the gloom of midnight this section of our country is disappearing. The ordinances of religion are esteemed and venerated. The annunciation of sacred truth is no longer regarded as the "mere echo of empty sounds." The concerns of eternity receive something of that attention which their importance demands. And the Bible is every where recognized as the invaluable, and unerring word of God.

A course of religious instruction exclusively for the negroes has been commenced. The number of attendants is very considerable. And such is their attention, advancement in divine knowledge, and gratitude for the privilege, as to afford the strongest presage, that much good will result from this "labour of love."

The number of Episcopal families in this Parish, is 35.

The congregation at St. Luke's generally consists of about 70 White Persons; at Grahamville, of about 90; at Coosawhatchie of about 125.

In conformity with the Canon, a Sermon has been delivered, and a collection made, in St. Luke's Church, in behalf of the Bishop's Common Fund."

Edisto Island.

The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector;

Reports, that in consequence of late indisposition in his family, which prevented him from meeting with his congregation one Sunday, and the inclemency of the weather which prevented his congregation from meeting him the next, he has been enabled to comply with the requisitions of the Canon of 1822, but partially, having delivered but one Sermon of a short course proposed, upon the subject of the Ministry. Agreeably to a Resolution of the last Convention, he has ascertained the number of families attached to his congregation, to be 25, and of individuals 134; of this number there are three families which reside upon Edisto, during the Summer season only.

Baptisms, Adults, 3. Infants, 11. Total, 14. Burial, 1.
Communicants, Whites, 23. Blacks, 7. Total, 30.

St. Helena Island.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector.

Baptisms, 2; one White and one Coloured. Marriages, 2.
Communicants, 14.

Families which attend the Church, about 20; individuals from 60 to 80 Whites.

A Sermon was preached, and a collection made in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector.

Baptisms, 3. Marriage, 1. Burials, 6.
Communicants, 42. Families, 31.

In the Sunday School, there are 141 scholars, under the instruction of 13 female Teachers. During the greater part of last Spring and Summer, the number of regular attendants was very considerable; there were frequently present upwards of 100 scholars: many of whom bid fair to be ornaments to the Church. In the months of November, December and January, a few only of the children gave regular attendance; this was owing to the very remote distance, at which many of them resided from the School; and also, to the inclemency of the weather. The School at this time, however, presents in every view, a flourishing appearance: and the good which has already resulted from its establishment, will, it is believed, be hailed with joy and gladness by all who feel the importance of checking the first dawnings of art, deceit, pride, and all manner of impiety, in the youthful mind, and of fortifying it against all "deadly errors."

It is due to the Superintendent of this School, Mrs. Sarah Joor, and *some* of the Teachers, to state, that they have evinced great zeal, assiduity and perseverance in this delightful duty and labour of love. They merit the *unqualified* thanks of all persons friendly to Sabbath School instruction.

For the Bishop's Common Fund, and the Theological Seminary, no Sermons have been preached nor collections made. In the course of the present year, every exertion, it is confidently believed, will be made, to aid in the attainment of objects, so manifestly important to the interests and stability of the Church.

Claremont Church, Stateburg.

The Rev. William Barlow, Rector.

The present Rector officiated in this Church, as Visiter, in the Winter of 1822 and 1823. Four Baptisms and one Burial occurred, which were not reported to the last Convention.

During the last Summer, Divine Service was occasionally performed by the Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, who officiated at one Baptism, and

four Burials. Since the settlement of the Rector, there have been one Baptism, one Marriage, and one Burial ; making in all,

Baptisms, Adult, 1. Infants, 5. Total 6. Marriage, 1. Burials, 6.
Communicants, Whites, 20. Blacks, 4. Total 24.

There are about 23 Families attached to this congregation. No Collection has been made for the Bishop's Fund.

St. Matthew's Parish.

The Rev. F. P. Delavaux, former Rector.

Baptisms, 7. Burials, 2. Marriage, 1.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector.

There is reason to believe, that this Church, with the blessing of God, on the steady application, of comparatively small means, is increasing in stability, and in its beneficial influence on the state of its community. Since our last Report, there have been added four to the number of Communicants: and there have been seven Baptisms. I have also baptised, in the City of Charleston, six other persons, all of one family; two of whom, were adults, and the rest, young persons and infants. All of these six persons, were of a different denomination from our own. The Sunday School, was resumed the last Summer, and carried on successfully, though with a reduction in its numbers, from sickness, and removal. There was last Summer a Sunday School Society organized, under a Constitution and Rules, for the government of the Society and the School. On the first of January last, this congregation undertook to engage the entire services of their Rector, who had, previously, only officiated alternately.

There are fifteen Families belonging to this Church.

It is with deep regret, that I have to inform the Convention, that the experiment to establish an Episcopal Congregation, at Manchester, has failed. After nearly three years exertion, with great individual sacrifice to the Clergyman, the Congregation which had been organized in that village, could not be induced to make sufficient exertions to support the Church. At no time, would they afford a common, reasonable, remuneration to the Minister.

It ought to have been mentioned in the above Report, that a Sermon was preached, and a collection made in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund. It ought also to have been stated, that a Sermon was preached at St. Mark's, Manchester, for the Bishop's Common Fund, but no collection made.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks.

The Rev. D. I. Campbell, Rector.

Baptisms, 14. Marriages, 3. Burials, 14.
Communicants, about 50 White Persons, and 2 of Colour.

Of these, the 2 of colour (one of whom I previously baptised) and 12 others, young persons, have been added in the last two years, and 4 of them within the last year.

Number of Families 50, of these, 39 are constant residents; 11 only half the year.

Number of Individuals 232, 40 of these, only half the year.

Number of Families who attend occasionally, about 12. Number of Individuals, about 40; about 10 of these are Communicants. A Sunday School commenced in July, had made satisfactory progress in October. It has 3 Teachers, the Minister and two Females of the Congregation, and 32 Scholars, 4 of whom are poor Children. This School has been suspended until the month of June, in consequence of the distance of most of the pupils from their respective Chapels.

No Sermon on the Nature and Duties of the Bishop's Office. No Collection.

No Sermon or collection for the Theological Seminary.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

The Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms, 3. Burial, 1. Marriages, 2.

The number of Families, is 23; only 4 of which are permanent residents, the rest are members, during the Summer, of the city Churches.

The number of Communicants, is 13.

A Sermon has been preached on the Episcopal Office, but on account of bad weather, no collection made. A disposition to contribute to the Fund, appears generally to be felt.

No Sermon on the Theological Seminary.

St. James', Santee.

The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector.

Baptisms, 7. Marriage, 1. Communicants, 13. Burial, 1. Families, 27. Individuals, 111. 37 of whom are attached to congregations in the city.

Arrangements have been recently made for the holding of Divine Service, on a week day, at a remote part of this Parish, among a people, composed of those in the humbler walks of life, who have been hitherto totally destitute of the services of the sanctuary. They appear desirous of enjoying the privileges of a stated ministry, and have themselves suggested the propriety of erecting a place of worship, and it is expected will adopt measures for that purpose. They amount in number to 41.

A Sermon has been preached on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office, but no collection made in aid of the Fund, for the support of the Episcopate.

All-Saints, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector.

Baptisms, 4. Marriage, 1. Burials, 6.
Communicants, 18. Three having died during the last year.

There are in this Parish, two Churches, at which Divine Service is performed in regular rotation. The number of Families, is 22, two of which also occasionally worship in Prince George's, Winyaw. These consist of 45 Adults and 30 Children, making in all 75 souls. In conformity to the first Canon, a Sermon has been preached, during the last year, upon the 'Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office,' and the Bishop's Common Fund, recommended to the attention of the Vestry. No collection in aid of this fund was made at that time, but in lieu thereof, it was determined by the Vestry, to substitute a subscription. As this measure, however, was only adopted a few days previous to the meeting of the Convention, the money it is understood, has not been entirely collected. As soon as it shall all have been received, it will be forwarded to the Treasurer. No Sermon has been preached on the subject, nor collection made in aid, of the Theological Seminary.

Grace Church, Sullivan's-Island.

The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector.

Marriage, 1. Baptism, 1.
Number of Communicants, not known.

Number of Families, about 30, comprising about 150 persons, all of whom, it is believed, belong to other congregations. This account, however, does not include the officers and soldiers of Fort Moultrie, who regularly attend the services of the Church. A Sermon was preached, and a collection made in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev, Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector.

Marriages, 3. Baptism, 1. Burial, 1.

Number of Families, about 15, comprising about 60 persons, most of whom belong to other congregations.

St. Paul's, Pendleton.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector.

Marriage, 1. Baptisms, 2. Burials, 4. Communicants, 15.

Sunday Scholars, 20. Besides 8 single gentlemen, who contribute to the support of public worship, there are 27 Families in the congregation, of which 16 are Episcopal, and comprise 83 persons; and the remaining 11 contain 68 persons. Subscribers to the Ministry, and purchasers of Pews in the Church, 35; whole number of the congregation, 160. Discourse delivered, and collection made, in aid of the General Theolo-

gical Seminary. No Sermon preached upon the Episcopal Office; annual subscription substituted for a collection.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, *Resolved*, that the Members of this Convention, sympathizing with the friends of the Rev. Mr. Chase, son of the Bishop of Ohio, who is now on a bed of illness in this city, do, during the session of the Convention, offer up their prayers for him to Almighty God.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past ten o'clock.

Saturday, February 21st, 1824.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose certificates of appointment were read on Wednesday last, and were approved, appeared and took their seats, viz. Robert Smith, from St. Thomas and St. Dennis, and Col. George W. Cross, from Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Treasurer laid his Accounts before the Convention; Whereupon, Mr. T. W. Bacot and Mr. Bay were appointed a Committee to examine the same. The Committee soon after reported that, they had found the accounts correct, and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer, a balance of $113 53; which report was accepted.

Mr. Turnbull, from the Committee on the Resolution introduced yesterday, by Mr. Alexander, made the following Report:

The Committee of *Lay-Delegates*, to whom was referred the Resolution by a member from St. Michael's, setting forth the embarrassment occasioned to the finances of that Church, in consequence of their not being re-imbursed for the advances necessarily incurred by the Vestry, in the provision of an Assistant Minister, to perform the Parochial Duties of the Bishop, while absent from his charge on the exercise of the functions of the Episcopate; and recommending, that the appropriations annually made to the *Common Fund*, should henceforth be applied in the first instance, to the payment of the arrears now due to that Church;

REPORT:

That they have carefully examined the statements submitted to them, by the Delegation from St. Michael's, and they find that, there will be due to that Church, on the first of March ensuing, the sum of eleven hundred and ninety dollars and eighty-two cents; which amount of arrears, the Committee have no hesitation in saying, ought, in justice to be paid with interest. The Committee, however, cannot assent to the suggestion, that this balance should be paid by any diversion of the proceeds of the Common Fund, the Committee conceiving, that it is not in the power of the Convention, to apply the income of that fund to any other purpose, than that for which it was originally created, to wit: The immediate and annual support of the Bishop, for the particular year in which that fund is raised. But in lieu thereof, and with a view to

provide for the extinguishment of the above debt, as well as to render the Common Fund hereafter more adequate to the wants of St. Michael's, they recommend that the Convention shall enter into the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That every Bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church, ought to be able to visit and examine into the state of all the Churches in his diocess, to inspect the conduct of the Clergy, to ordain to the ministry, and to administer the holy rite of Confirmation ; duties not only required by the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States ; but, in the opinion of the Convention, absolutely indispensable to the well being of every Church in the Diocess.

2. *Resolved*, That the functions of the Episcopate cannot be performed by the present Bishop, without manifest inconvenience and injury to the Parish of St. Michael's, of which he is Rector, whose claims upon his time, attention and care, are so paramount, that, unless the Churches, generally, shall aid in the support of a Bishop, and by so doing, enable St. Michael's to employ an Assistant, whilst its Rector shall be on his circuit, the Bishop must necessarily be restricted (as he himself stated to the Convention on his being called to the Episcopate) within the limits which his duties,as the Pastor of a particular congregation,must prescribe; and thus, the Churches generally, will be deprived of all the advantages of the Episcopal Office.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of this Convention to persevere in their efforts to provide adequate funds for an object so highly important ; and as the Bishop, himself, must relinquish to his Parish, towards the support of an Assistant Minister to be associated with him, all that he receives from the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds and can in no event, as long as he remains Rector of St. Michael's, receive from these funds the least pecuniary, or any other benefit in fact, than the pleasure and opportunity of visiting more frequently the Parishes of his Diocess, and fulfilling more perfectly, to his own satisfaction, the obligations of his sacred office, all objections hitherto founded in misconception, as to the design and nature of these funds, are in the opinion of this Convention, at once removed in the minds of such, as are well disposed to advance the interests of the Church.

4. *Resolved*, That all the plans hitherto suggested for raising funds by contribution in the Parishes, for this purpose, have been proved by experience to be defective, inasmuch, as they have neither expressed the sum necessary to supply the demands of the Convention, nor have they specified the particular sum which each Parish ought, in the opinion of the Convention, to contribute, by which means the people have remained ignorant of the real wants of the Church, as well as of the principle on which that proportion of the provision necessary to be made for them, ought to be estimated.

5. *Resolved*, That until the income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, applicable to this very object, by former resolutions, shall of itself be sufficient to support the Bishop, it be recommended to the Vestries of all the Churches in the Diocess, to make up annually from the incomes of their respective Parishes, or raised by Sermons to be preached on the subject, as required by the Canon, or in any other mode more agreeable to their several congregations, about sixteen hundred dollars, which

sum will not only be sufficient to extinguish, by installments, the arrears so justly due to St. Michael's, for the willing surrender of the services of her Rector, which she has hitherto made to the demands of her sister Churches, but will also effectually provide for the support of an Assistant for St. Michael's.

6. *Resolved*, That in estimating the quota or proportion which each Parish ought to contribute towards the expense of supporting the Episcopate, a view ought to be had, as well to the income of the Church, as seen in its salary to its Minister, as to the number of the Parishioners, their ability to contribute to this object, and the real condition of the Church, whether in a state of prosperity, or of decay, and other circumstances.

7. *Resolved*, That upon the principle contained in the foregoing Resolution, the following are the sums which each *Parish*, ought, in the opinion of the Committee, to be required by this Convention, to contribute towards so desirable an object: to wit,

St. Michael's,	$350,	St. Mark's, Williamsburg,	$10,
St. Philip's,	300,	St. Mark's, Clarendon,	20,
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	150,	Trinity Church, Columbia,	30,
Grace Church, S. Island,	30,	Christ Church,	10,
St. John's, Berkley,	50,	St. James, Santee,	30,
St. John's, Colleton,	50,	North Santee,	30,
Edisto Island,	50,	St. Thomas & St. Dennis,	30,
All Saints, Waccamaw,	50,	St. James, Goose-Creek,	20,
Prince George, Winyaw,	75,	St. David's, Cheraw,	10,
St. Luke's,	50,	St. Andrew's,	10,
St. Paul's, Stono,	20,	St. Bartholomew's,	50,
St. Paul's, Pendleton,	30,	Claremont,	20,
St. Helena, St. Helena Is.	30,	St. Matthew's,	20,
St. Helena, Beaufort,	50,		

8. *Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain after paying the debt due to St. Michael's, and enabling the Bishop to provide an Assistant Minister to do his duty at that Church, shall be paid over to the Bishop's *Permanent Fund.*

9. *Resolved*, That a Committee of five Lay-Delegates be appointed, whose duty it shall be, after the adjournment of the Convention, to communicate these resolutions to the different Parishes, inviting their earliest attention to the subject, and soliciting their earnest concurrence.

The Committee cannot conclude this Report, without expressing a hope, that, should the proportion, in which any particular Parish is requested, by the Convention, to contribute, be regarded in the estimation of the Vestry, or of the members of their Church, as too high, that they will not, on that account, withhold their assistance, or disturb an arrangement so essential to the welfare of the whole Church. It must be remembered, that, in an arrangement, or calculations of this nature, it is impossible to arrive at exactness, and when it is perceived that, with a few exceptions, the sums are small, and certainly within the ability of all to contribute, the Committee cannot but confidently hope, for a general and hearty acquiescence in the plan submitted. But above all, the Committee hope, that when it shall be considered, that in almost every

sitting of the Convention for six years past, its faith has been solemnly and repeatedly pledged, and renewed, to aid and relieve St. Michael's, from the unequal burden to which this particular Church has been subjected, defraying beyond its means, the expense of a measure greatly beneficial to the Diocess at large, and that neither in fairness, or in justice, we ought to desire the services of a Bishop, and yet be reluctant to enable him to fulfil his obligations to his own Parish; that in these considerations alone, the country Parishes will find abundant cause to rejoice, that at a cost so trifling, they have it in their power to promote the glory of the Church, in which it is the boast, and privilege of us all, to worship; a Church, which, whether we consider the sensible, spiritual, or social character of its worship, or the primitive and apostolical purity in which its rites and doctrines, its discipline and priesthood, have descended to us through so many centuries, and which, we trust, will descend to our posterity, unimpaired, merits from every member of our Communion, more then we are either willing, or ready to allow.

But thanks be to God! that as much has already been done, by the friends of religion in our land, so we may reasonably hope for their continued exertions in the cause of the Church. The borders of our Zion have been gradually extending since the establishment of the Episcopate in this Diocess, and the Committee are sanguine, that, ere long, her "waste places" will be built up, "her wilderness" will blossom "like Eden, and her desert," flourish "like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness" for the redemption of our race, "shall be found therein; thanksgiving and the voice of melody."

It was then moved by Col. Drayton, and agreed to, that the Report be taken up by paragraphs.

The Report being read by paragraphs, was agreed to as reported by the Committee, with the exception of the 7th Resolution. Considerable discussion arose on this Resolution; and some few amendments were made, which are incorporated in the report. The question was then taken upon the whole Report as amended, and carried.

It was then moved by the Rev. A. Gibbes, and agreed to, that 200 extra copies of the Report be printed; and be signed and distributed by the Committee, as directed in the 9th Resolution.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lance, *Resolved*, that 350 copies of the Journal be printed.

It was then moved by Mr. Bee, and agreed to, that the next meeting of the Convention, be held on the *third* Wednesday of February next.

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary, for their respective services.

It was then moved by Col. Drayton, to adjourn; and, after prayers by the Bishop, and the Blessing, the Convention adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President.

FREDERICK DALCHO,
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE

Diocess of South-Carolina.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, that the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocess, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention ; but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed ; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocess, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention : The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches ; but the right to

vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church employed in this Diocess, with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocess shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings, and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the Members

shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require. And, he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation, of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Committees of Correspondence.

The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches; and generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocess.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church, or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocess, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocess, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favourable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocess, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XIII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocess, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocess should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocess; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

"The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," shall be used in the Churches of this Diocess.

ARTICLE XVI.

How the Constitution shall be altered.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention

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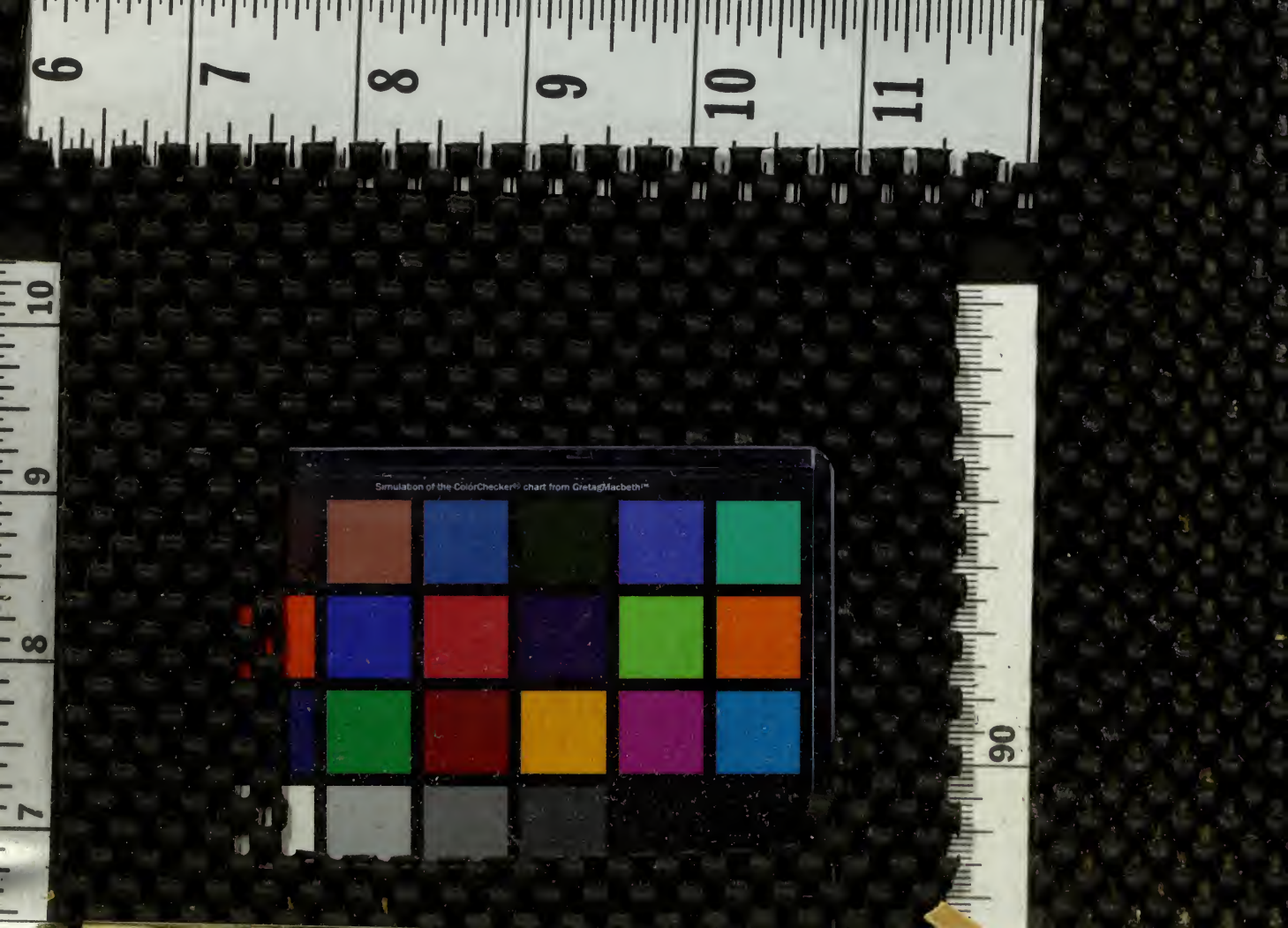
CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocess, or his Assistant, shall, at such time as he may deem proper, preach, annually, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and at such time, the Vestries of the Churches in which such Sermons shall be preached, are requested to make a collection in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual subscription.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